

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-5
CITY OF WATKINS
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATKINS ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. TITLE V. PUBLIC WORKS. Chapter 51. Water and Sewer. Section 51.22 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) *Meters required; unauthorized handling prohibited.* Except for extinguishing of fires, no person other than an authorized city employee shall use water from the city water supply system or permit water to be drawn therefrom unless the water passes through a meter supplied or approved by the city. No person, unless authorized by the City Council or Public Works Director, shall connect, disconnect, take apart, or in any manner change or caused to be changed or interfere with any meter or the action thereof, or break any meter or valve seal. The approved meter for the city is a Radio Frequency Read Meter. Any customer that has a meter that is non-compliant with the Radio Frequency Read Meter shall be charged a \$50 meter reading fee per billing period. The city reserves the right to disconnect water service to any property with a non-compliant meter subject to the Cold Weather Rule in M.S. 216B.097. If the water service is disconnected due to a non-compliant meter, the service shall not be reconnected until such time when the meter is replaced with an approved Radio Frequency Read Meter. If the water service is disconnected due to a non-compliant meter, it shall not be reconnected until a \$150 reconnect fee is paid and an approved meter is installed.

(B) *Maintenance.* The city shall maintain and repair at its expense any meter that has become unserviceable through ordinary wear and tear and shall replace it if necessary. Where repair or replacement of a meter is made necessary by act or neglect (including damage from freezing or hot water backup) or carelessness of the owner or occupant of the premises it serves, any city expense caused thereby shall be a charge against the property and collected from the water consumer, and water service may be discontinued until the cause is corrected and the amount charged is paid.

Section 2. TITLE V. PUBLIC WORKS. Chapter 51. Water and Sewer. Section 51.22 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to add the following provision:

(F) It shall be the responsibility of the consumer to notify the city to request a final reading at the time of the customer's billing change.

Section 3. TITLE V. PUBLIC WORKS. Chapter 51. Water and Sewer. Section 51.23 of the Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

51.23: NO WELLS.

No person may use any private well, sand point, or source of water other than water provided by the City municipal water system. Every residence, business, and structure shall connect to the municipal water supply system.

Section 4. TITLE IX. General Regulations. Chapter 90. Animals. Section 90.02 B shall be amended to read as follows and subsequent sections will be changed accordingly:

(B) Cats. Cats shall be included as controlled by this division insofar as running at large, pickup, impounding, boarding, and proof of anti-rabies vaccine is concerned. All other provisions of this section shall also apply to cats unless otherwise provided.

Section 5. TITLE IX. General Regulations. Chapter 92 Streets and Sidewalks is hereby amended to add the following provisions:

Section 92.03 OBSTRUCTION OF STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND ALLEYS.

No person shall block a public sidewalk by parking a vehicle across the sidewalk.

Section 92.04 CURB CUTS.

No person shall make any breaks, cuts or openings in any curb, for driveways or otherwise, without first having obtained written permission from the City Council. The Council shall consider each curb cut request separately, and may seek the advice of the Public Works Supervisor or City Engineer before deciding on the request. The Council shall grant or deny requests by resolution. Any resolution denying a curb cut request shall set for the reasons for the denial.

Section 6. TITLE IX. General Regulations. Chapter 96 Trailer Houses, Section 96.01 is hereby amended to read as follows:

After the date of the adoption of this code, only manufactured homes which comply with the Manufactured Home Building Code established by M.S. § 327.31, as it may be amended from time to time, may be located in and used as a dwelling within the city. A mobile home, manufactured home, house trailer or other mobile dwelling which does not comply with the Manufactured Home Building Code and which is used as a residence after the date of the adoption of this code is a non-conforming use as defined by M.S. § 462.357, subd. 1e, as it may be amended from time to time, and this non-conforming use may be continued, including through repair, maintenance, replacement, restoration or improvement, but if the non-conformity or occupancy is discontinued for a period of more than one year, or the nonconforming use is destroyed by fire or other peril to the extent of greater than 50% of its market value and no building permit is applied for within 180 days of when the property is damaged, any subsequent use or occupancy of the land or premises shall be a conforming use or occupancy.

Section 7. TITLE IX. General Regulations. Chapter 96, Section 96.06 Manufactured Home Parks is hereby amended to read as follows:

(A) Any person desiring to operate a manufactured home park shall apply for such Conditional Use permit with the City Clerk.

(B) A Conditional Use permit shall be granted for the period of any year at the fee of \$500.

Section 8. TITLE XIII. General Offenses. Chapter 130, Section 130.02 (D) is hereby amended to read as follows:

No person or persons shall use or discharge the following within city limits: air rifles, BB guns, sling shots, a bow & arrow, or crossbow.

Section 9. TITLE XIII. General Offenses. Chapter 130, Section 130.02 (E) is hereby amended to read as follows:

(E) It shall be unlawful for any parent or guardian of any minor person to knowingly permit such minor person the use or discharge of the firearms, air rifles, BB guns, sling shots, bow & arrow or crossbow mentioned in subsections (A), (B), and (D) of this section.

Section 10. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

Section 11. Summary Publication.

At least four-fifths of the City Council's member direct the Clerk to publish only the title and summary of this Ordinance as follows: "An Ordinance Amending the City Code of Ordinances. Amendments to the following chapters of the Watkins Code of Ordinances: Chapter 51 Water and Sewer, Section 51.22 (A) Meters required; unauthorized handling prohibited (B) Maintenance (F) Consumer responsible to notify of final reading, Section 51.23 No wells. Chapter 90 Animals, Section 90.02 (B) No pet licenses required. Chapter 92 Streets and Sidewalks. Section 92.03 No vehicle parking across the sidewalk, Section 92.04 Curb cuts must be approved by City Council. Chapter 96 Trailer Houses, Definition of trailer house amended, Conditional Use Permit required. Chapter 130 General Offenses, use of bow and arrow or crossbow prohibited."

Publication of the title and summary of Ordinance No. 2023-5, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, clearly informs the public of the Ordinance's intent and effect.

A printed copy of the ordinance is available for inspection by any person during regular office hours at City Hall. A copy of the entire text of the Ordinance shall be posted at Watkins City Hall, 111 Central Avenue South, Watkins MN.

ADOPTED BY THE WATKINS CITY COUNCIL THIS 10TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2023.

Christopher Rowan, Mayor

ATTEST: (SEAL)

Debra Kramer, Clerk